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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING POWER CONSUMPTION OF

LCD BACKLIGHT LAMP

COMMENTS IN REPLY TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated October 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicant thanks Examiner Vijay Shankar for allowing claims 1-4, 6-14, and 16-19 in the above-identified patent application. Applicant recognizes the statements on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability but cannot acknowledge these statements for the purposes of prosecution history estoppel. Applicant assumes that the Examiner intended to indicate that neither Mitchell et al. nor Cortopassi teach or suggest the recited features

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of independent claim 1. The Examiner does not address the features of independent claim 11.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the scope of the allowed claims should not be limited by the comments for reasons of allowance in the Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully\submitted,

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